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1. CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE, SECTION 6530, PROHIBITS WITHOUT EXCEPTION THE IMPORTATION FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, THE POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO SELL, AND THE SALE OF ANY SEA TURTLE PRODUCT.

2. CHAPTER 212, NEW YORK LAWS OF 1974, AMENDED (EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1974) SEC. 358-A OF THE NEW YORK AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW TO PROHIBIT WITHOUT EXCEPTION THE SALE OR OFFERING FOR SALE OF ANY RAW OR MANUFACTURED PART OF THE BODY OF MARINE TURTLES OF THE FAMILIES CHELONIIDAE AND DERMOCHELIDAE. THE FAMILY CHELONIIDAE INCLUDES THE GREEN SEA TURTLE.

3. U.S. DEPT. OF INTERIOR AND COMMERCE ARE CONDUCTING A JOINT REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF THE GREEN SEA TURTLE PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973. DECISION ON WHETHER TO BAN IMPORTATION INTO THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES
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OF MEAT OF CAPTIVE RAISED TURTLES AWAITS THIS REVIEW AND

FORMAL RULE-MAKING PROCEDURES.

4. IF GREEN SEA TURTLES WERE DECLARED AN ENDANGERED SPECIES UNDER FEDERAL REGULATION, ALL PARTS AND PRODUCTS OF TURTLE WOULD BE PROHIBITED REGARDLESS OF WHETHER TURTLE RAISED IN CAPTIVITY. IF TURTLE DECLARED A THREATENED SPECIES, THEN FEDERAL REGULATIONS HAVE THE OPTION OF MAKING DISTINCTION BETWEEN TURTLES RAISED IN CAPTIVITY AND OTHERS. KISSINGER

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